

House Resolution 1014

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Johnson of the 75th, Glanton of the 76th, Jordan of the 77th, Heckstall of the 62nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ms. Leslie Miller Terry as a Notable Woman of Achievement in observance of
2 Women's History Month; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Leslie Miller Terry has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable
4 hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as
5 evidenced dramatically by her superlative service as Solicitor General for Clayton County;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, she earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Temple University and
8 earned a law degree from Villanova University, combining her tax expertise and legal
9 knowledge to work in the field of tax law for two years ; and

10 WHEREAS, with an affinity and desire to be in the courtroom, Ms. Terry began her career
11 in public service as an assistant district attorney with the Philadelphia District Attorney's
12 Office, prosecuting major felony cases with the office's Major Trial Division; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1992, Ms. Terry moved to Georgia and accepted a position as an assistant
14 district attorney with the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, prosecuting murders,
15 rapes, armed robberies, and other felonies; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Terry entered private practice in 1999, specializing in criminal defense, and
17 was elected in the November 2004 election as Solicitor General of Clayton County,
18 becoming the county's top prosecutor for misdemeanors, including DUIs and traffic cases;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, during her tenure as Solicitor General of Clayton County, she implemented the
21 county's first Pretrial Diversion Program, which has provided an opportunity for more than
22 500 citizens to avoid prosecution for minor offenses, enabling them to maintain employment
23 and financial stability; and

24 WHEREAS, offenders qualifying for the Pretrial Diversion Program are able to receive
25 assistance with problems ranging from drug and alcohol treatment, anger management, and
26 more, and the program has saved over \$460,000 in costs associated with prosecution,
27 housing, medical care, and probation services; and

28 WHEREAS, in 2009, Ms. Terry returned to her private practice in Jonesboro and continues
29 to serve as a notable public speaker; and

30 WHEREAS, as Women's History Month, March, 2009, is set aside to celebrate and honor
31 those women who have contributed their time and talents to the betterment of this state and
32 this nation, it is only fitting and proper that Ms. Terry be recognized on this highly significant
33 occasion.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body commend Ms. Leslie Miller Terry for the positive influence she
36 has had upon the lives and futures of countless young people in this state and recognize her
37 as a Notable Woman of Achievement in observance of Women's History Month.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Leslie Miller Terry.